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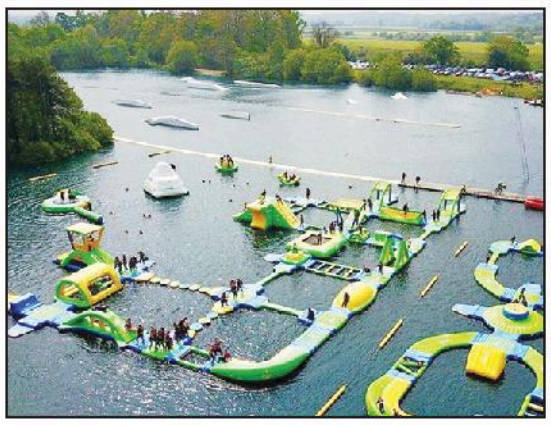
Rs. 58.62 crore tourism project in KRS backwaters

Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited to build eco-friendly cottages, houseboats & adventure sports



A model of water-based activities planned at Cholanahalli on the backwaters of KRS as shown in KTIL website.

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (AG&BCT)- Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited (KTIL) is set to implement a major tourism project worth Rs. 58.62 crore at Cholanahalli, located along the backwaters of the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam (KRS).

Cholanahalli, in Mysuru taluk, lies near Sagarakatte, about 25 km from Mysuru.

The project envisages the construction of eco-friendly cottages, houseboats, adventure sports facilities and other modern amenities.

The initiative forms part of the development of tourism infrastructure under the 'Circuit in Southern Karnataka' — Mysuru, Srirangapatna, Hassan, Belur & Halebeedu — on a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model.

(See KRS on page 6)

To Stop...

property registration fraud

GIS to be merged with Kaveri 2.0

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (BLU&BCT)- Property registrations in Karnataka have long been marked by irregularities, with false information often furnished in documents to create fraudulent records. In several instances, the Government has suffered revenue losses due to underpayment of stamp duty.

In a bid to curb such practices, the State Govt. is introducing modern Geographic Information System (GIS) technology into registration process. The new system will be integrated or merged with existing Kaveri 2.0 software to enhance transparency and accuracy in property transactions. With GIS-enabled mapping, Revenue officials will be able to verify the precise measurements, geographical location, road connectivity and other critical details of a property at the time of registration.

This is expected to effectively eliminate fraudulent registrations based on fabricated information or stamp duty evasion.

Until now, it was not uncommon for applicants to furnish misleading details at Sub-Registrar offices. Multi-storey buildings were sometimes registered as single-storey structures, while agricultural land with standing crops, such as coconut plantations, was declared as vacant land. Such discrepancies often went undetected and were officially recorded. With GIS integration, all property particulars will be captured using GPS coordinates once the Property Identification Number (PID) is entered in the software.

The system will display accurate maps and data on computer screens, and registrations will include photographs of the property along with exact measurements, property 'Chakbandi,' road access and other relevant details.

(See PROPERTY on page 7)

First *Akka* Cafe opens in city

On the lines of Indira Canteen, State Government launches all-women-run cafe near ZP Office, Chamarajapuram

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (GA&BS)- Akka Cafe, an ambitious initiative announced in the State Government's 2025-26 Budget, was inaugurated in Mysuru city this morning. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa launched the first outlet set up in the premises of the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Office on Krishnaraja Boulevard in Chamarajapuram.

MLA Tanveer Sait, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and other officials were present.

A second Akka Cafe is coming up behind the Taluk Office in Nazarbad, while a third outlet will be opened in Hunsur taluk.

The project is being implemented by the State Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department in association with the National Livelihood Mission. The initiative has already evoked an encouraging response in other parts of the State.

(See AKKA on page 7)

4th Year Remembrance

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(A.K. Aiyappa)
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Fondly Remembered by : Family Members & Staffs of Gajmukh Security, Mysore

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 2nd March 2026

Pure Mysore Silk with Purpose

Exclusive Trunk Show at Sayoga till Mar. 5

Namrata Shenoy** (second from right) **of 'Diya Silks' presents first-ever exclusive Trunk Show at Sayoga in V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru, from Mar. 1 to 5 showcasing authentic Pure Mysore Silk sarees woven with pure gold zari. The exhibition, which was inaugurated by Cycle Pure Agarbatti Creative Perfumer Jannavi Murthy, Lalitha Rao and Poornima Shenoy yesterday, will be open between 11 am and 7 pm till Mar. 5. Sayoga Founder Shruthi Ranga is also seen.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SIVAJI, EMPEROR OF DEVOTION: ***Centuries after his passing, the Maratha king Chhatrapati Sivaji is celebrated not merely for his prowess in warfare, but also for leading the faithful towards a godly life, at a time when there were numerous challenges dogging Sanatana Dharma. He was aided by numerous saints, especially from Maharashtra, whose lives and contribution to faith have been chronicled widely but each retelling helps a devotee straddle material and spiritual paths.***

Two such great spiritual leaders and contemporaries of Sivaji, Sant Tukaram and Sant Ramadasa, guided disciples in their divergent ways, said K. Savithri. Tukaram lit up the musical path with his abhangs and unswerving devotion to Panduranga. On one occasion, when Sivaji and his troops arrived suddenly, enough food appears for the entire entourage at Ramadasa's camp. The same thing happened when the troops visit Tukaram, unannounced. How is this possible, wondered Sivaji. Panduranga knows what to give me and when, responds Tukaram. He never lets down a devotee, added the Sant.

Travelling across the country, Ramadasa roused people from their lethargic acceptance of status quo, raising their spiritual awareness. He rallied spiritual leaders, who travelled to small towns and villages, highlighting the efficacy of faith, resulting in the Ramadasa Sampradaya.

Sivaji, twinning with him on this plateau, took both Tukaram and Ramadasa as his spiritual gurus. Sivaji understood that God was the greatest and lived with renewed bhakti, leading his subjects along the same spiritual path.

—In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's oldest horse is 37 years

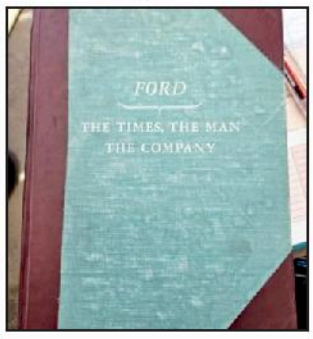
Richmond: A Virginia woman's pet horse was officially certified as the oldest in the world by Guinness World Records at the age of 37 years and 329 days.

Fancy, a horse belonging to Paige Sigmon Blumer, was born April 1, 1988, and the duo, who share the same birthday, have been together since Blumer was just 8 years old and Fancy was 12.

Blumer submitted evidence of Fancy's age to Guinness World Records, and she took over the title of oldest horse living from Baskaladd, a horse who died at the age of 38 in 2025.

The oldest horse ever was named Old Billy and died at the age of 62 in 1822, Guinness World Records said.

Biography returned after 64 years



Richland: A library revealed a biography of Henry Ford was recently returned nearly 64 years past its due date.

The Richland Public Library said on social media that a copy of Ford: The Times, The Man, The Company by Allan Nevins was recently returned to the facility by a man who found it among a personal library of books he inherited from a friend.

The book's original due date was March 17, 1962 -- making it 63 years, 11 months and one day overdue.

Library officials estimated the book would have accrued "at least several thousand dollars" in late fees had the fines not been capped before the library went completely fee-free in 2022.

The man told library staff there was a second library book among his inherited materials, and he plans to return that one as soon as he finishes reading it.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Lifestyle Affects Both Partners

Sleep, nutrition, alcohol intake, and exercise influence egg and sperm quality. Fertility is a shared responsibility.

By Dr. Nivedita Shetty - Chief of Reproductive Medicine Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Veteran athlete felicitated

Veteran athlete and former student of Sarada Vilas College M. Yogendra, who was felicitated by Sarada Vilas Alumni Association for his outstanding performance in the field of athletics, at an event held at the College's Centenary Hall recently, is seen with former University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Adichunchanagiri University Vice-Chancellor Dr. M.A. Shekar, Dr. Mantelingu, Dr. Subbaraya and Sarada Vilas College Principal Dr. M. Devika.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **112.80 feet**	Today's level **2,271.52 feet**	Today's level **2,830.09 feet**
Last year's level **112.46 feet**	Last year's level **2,274.90 feet**	Last year's level **2,836.24 feet**
Yesterday's level **113.45 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,271.67 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.10 feet**
Today's Inflow **325 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **192 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **228 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,161 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world: Adults can weigh up to 363kg (that's about the same as ten ten year olds!) and measure up to 3.3m.***
- ***A "streak" usually refers to a mother and her offspring while an "ambush" is a group of adult tigers. Despite having a collective name, tigers are usually solitary. Female tiger home ranges rarely overlap, while a male's home range can overlap with those of 1-3 females.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Father:** Usually you are on the phone for at least one hour. How come you only spoke for 20 minutes?*
***Radhika:** Wrong number.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 91.28
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 122.74
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.85
1 Euro	= Rs. 107.58

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic signals, lighting standards: Suggestions

Sir,

I am writing as a concerned citizen to share a few observations and suggestions on traffic efficiency and road safety in our city.

At many intersections, traffic signals operate in a strictly sequential manner. This often leads to unnecessary waiting, even when traffic is light or when vehicles on opposite sides of the same road are moving in the same direction.

A more coordinated, direction-based signal system could help address this. Allowing traffic moving in the same direction to flow simultaneously across junctions may reduce waiting time, improve fuel efficiency, cut emissions and ease congestion, particularly during peak hours.

Many cities now use sensor-based or time-adaptive traffic systems and even a pilot project at key junctions here could make a noticeable difference.

Another issue that deserves attention is the growing problem of excessive glare from high-intensity headlights and the improper use of high beams at night. This can temporarily impair the vision of oncoming drivers and significantly increase the risk of accidents.

It may be helpful to consider awareness campaigns on responsible headlight use, periodic checks of after market high-intensity lights and stricter enforcement of regulations on permissible headlight intensity and alignment. Exploring glare-reduction or adaptive lighting standards could also contribute to safer driving after dark.

I hope these suggestions will be considered for further study or pilot implementation in the interest of improving traffic flow and ensuring safer roads for all.

—Dhruvaraj Udayashankar
Mysuru
10.2.2026

St. Philomena's College hosts Literary Awareness & 'Desi Habba'

Mysuru, Mar. 2- St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysuru, had organised a vibrant Literary Awareness Programme and its signature cultural fest, 'Desi Habba', in the college premises recently.

The event, held in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), aimed to foster a love for literature and celebrate the richness of Indian regional traditions among the youth.

The programme, announcing the relaunching of the Literary Club, was inaugurated by Dr. Vijay Sheshadri, Senior Professor of English at Mysore University.

Dr. Sheshadri emphasised the vital role of literature in shaping critical thinking and empathy. He urged students to look beyond digital distractions and engage deeply with the written word.

Coinciding with the International Mother Language Day, the event highlighted the importance of linguistic diversity.

Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder and Chairperson of Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust, who was the special guest, spoke about the power of storytelling in one's mother tongue and the initiatives taken by Book Clubs to keep regional languages alive in the modern era.

Following the formal session, the campus transformed into a colourful hub of tradition for 'Desi Habba'. Students represented various Indian States in their ethnic best, performed dances that showcased the rural heart of Karnataka and rendered songs promoting the "Vocal for Local" sentiment.

Rev. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, Rector; Rev. Fr. Gnana Pragasam, Campus Administrator; A. Thomas Gunaseelan, IQAC Coordinator; Dr. A.T. Sadebose, Dean of Languages, Dr. A.P. Poornima, Cultural Committee Coordinator; John Joseph, System Admin and Raviraj I Vadigeri, BVoc Department, were present on the occasion.

Roopa Selveria compered the event. P. Babu, Malayalam HoD, Dr. V. Deepa, IQAC Co-Coordinator, Deepthi, BSW HoD, Dr. Shobana, Hindi Department, Niveditha, Kannada Department, Dr. Yamuna B. Raj, Journalism Department and Harshitha of Computer Science Department successfully organised the event.

Summer Camp at City Zoo from Apr. 13

Second batch to commence from May 11

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (KS)- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), Mysuru, has organised a Summer Camp for students aged between 12 and 18 years.

The camp will be held for 10 days and will be held in two batches. The first batch will be held from Apr. 13 to 22 while the 2nd batch will be from May 11 to 20. The camp will be held between 10 am and 4 pm on all the ten days.

In this camp, students will get exposure to basics of Captive Wild Animals Management and Wildlife Conservation. Students can learn about the basics of Biodiversity, Animal Behaviour and Conservation of Wild Animals.

There will be both theory and practical classes covering various aspects related to these issues. Zoo officials and other subject experts will interact with the participants.

Application forms for both the batches can be obtained from the Zoo Office from Mar. 5 to 10 (10 am to 5 pm) and the filled-in applications, along with copies of Aadhaar Card or birth certificate and recent stamp size photo, must be submitted before 5 pm on Mar. 12 by paying a camp fee of Rs. 2,000.

Only 60 students per batch will be selected on first come first serve basis.

For further details, log on to *www.mysuruzoo.info* or e-mail to: *edumysore99@gmail.com*

Intimation and details will be sent to the selected members to attend the camp through e-mail, according to a press release from the Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

Sapthaswara Karaoke Singing Season-3; Entries invited

Mysuru, Mar. 2- Sarvakala Seva Trust in association with Panchayat Grameena Abhivrudhi Raithara Seva Samithi will be organising a National-level Sapthaswara Karaoke Singing Season-3 on May 31 at Amrutheshwara Auditorium in Hootagalli here.

The posters of the event were released by Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Administrative Officer Srinivasan recently.

The event will be inaugurated by MLA G.T. Devegowda. Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, Chandrashekar Rao, Trust Mumbai President Sridevi Rao and others will be present.

For registration, contact Mob: 99021-75996 or 97401-76567.

MGP urges Lake Development Authority for conservation of Mysuru city lakes

MGP delegation, comprising Bhamy V. Shenoy, Ravikumar, S.G. Vombatkere and others, submitting a memorandum on conservation and development of city lakes, to Karnataka Lakes Conservation & Development Authority EO Dayanand recently.

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (DM)- Taking forward its campaign for conservation and development of lakes, a delegation of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) met Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Authority Executive Officer (EO) Dayanand here recently and presented a memorandum seeking conservation of city lakes and to prepare a report on pollution of Kukkarahalli Lake water in the last four months.

The memorandum sought calling of a meeting of the Registrar of University of Mysore, the Kukkarahalli Lake custodian, MCC Commissioner, DC and other concerned officials to discuss issues like lake silt removal, clear marking of the lake's buffer zone, prevention of encroachment of lake bank and further measures for lake development.

The memorandum also urged the Authority EO to take up conservation and development of all lakes coming under the Authority as per NGT norms and Supreme Court guidelines.

Upon receiving the memorandum, Dayanand said that a meeting will be convened shortly and appropriate measures will be taken for development of lakes. Founder-President Bhamy V. Shenoy, other office-bearers Ravikumar, Maj. Gen. S.G. Vombatkere (Retd.) and others were present.

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Lunar eclipse tomorrow

Major temples to close in Mysuru

Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, Mysuru.

Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud.

No restrictions at Nanjangud Temple; entry restricted to Chamundi Hill Temple

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (PM&VNS) - A majority of the temples across Mysuru district will remain closed tomorrow in view of a lunar eclipse. According to Indian Standard Time (IST), the eclipse will begin at 3.30 pm and the total phase will occur between 4.34 pm and 5.33 pm and the eclipse will conclude at 6.40 pm.

Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Hill

Entry to Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill will be restricted between 3 pm and 8.30 pm. The temple will remain closed from 2 pm to 3.30 pm as usual. However, instead of reopening at 3.30 pm, it will open only at 8.30 pm in view of the eclipse.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Chief Priest Dr. N. Shashishekar Dixit said the temple would be reopened to devotees from 8.30 pm to 9 pm after purification rituals are completed. Priests will perform special pujas during the eclipse, followed by cleansing rituals before reopening the shrine.

The next day, Darshan will be allowed as per the regular schedule of 7.30 am to 2 pm, 3.30 pm to 6 pm and 7.30 pm to 9 pm. Similar rituals will be observed at other temples atop Chamundi Hill, including the Sri Mahabaleshwara Temple.

No restrictions at Srikanteshwara Temple

In contrast, there will be no restriction on devotees visiting the Srikanteshwara Temple at Nanjangud. Temple authorities have decided not to close the shrine during the eclipse.

Executive Officer C.G. Krishna told *SOM* that the temple does not follow the practice of restricting entry during eclipses. "Special puja and abhisheka will be performed at the time of the eclipse and devotees can have darshan as usual," he said.

A light meal will be served between 12 noon and 1 pm. However, in keeping with the belief of not consuming food during an eclipse, afternoon and evening prasadam will not be distributed.

Other temples

The Sri Yoganarasimaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar in Mysuru City will remain closed from 11 am to 7.30 pm tomorrow and will reopen after abhisheka. The Chandramouleshwara Temple at Vontikoppal will be shut between 10.30 am and 6.30 pm, following which purification rituals, homa and abhisheka will be performed.

The Sri Lakshmi Venkataramana Swamy Temple at V.V. Mohalla will close at 11 am and reopen at 8 pm. The Suryanarayana Swamy Temple at Gayathripuram will remain closed for the entire day.

Meanwhile, the Amruteshwara Temple at Devaraja Mohalla will function as usual. Chief Priest M. Kumar said there was no need to close the temple as the eclipse would occur during the day and would be visible only for about 20 minutes. He added that temples strictly following agama rituals need not necessarily shut if the eclipse does not warrant it under their customs.

Eclipse to be visible for 25 minutes

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (PM&VNS)- Tomorrow's total lunar eclipse will be visible in India for about 25 minutes between 6.22 pm and 6.47 pm and no special equipment is required to witness the celestial event, according to Mysuru Science Foundation Secretary G.B. Santhosh Kumar.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he said this year's eclipse is a total lunar eclipse, which occurs when the Earth comes between the Sun and the Moon, casting its shadow completely over the Moon and giving it a reddish appearance.

"The eclipse will occur between 3.20 pm and 6.47 pm. However, the middle stage will not be visible in India as the moonrise tomorrow is at 6.20 pm. The eclipse will be visible here only from 6.22 pm to 6.47 pm," he explained.

He dismissed the belief that a 'blood moon' is inauspicious, calling it a natural phenomenon caused by the Earth's shadow and the scattering of sunlight that makes the Moon appear red.

Kumar added that during the brief window when the eclipse is visible in India, the Moon may not appear fully red. The event can be safely viewed with the naked eye without any protective gear.

MLA inspects school where ceiling plaster fell down

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (DM)- Krishnaraja (KR) MLA T.S. Srivatsa yesterday visited Kanakagiri Government school in the city, where a part of the ceiling of a class room fell down injuring a lady teacher recently.

Visiting the school along with BEO Krishna, Srivatsa said that the repair is estimated to cost Rs.5 to 7 lakh and he would make efforts for getting a grant under the Legislators local area development fund.

"During my inspection, I found that a part of the ceiling plaster had fallen. However, as there are many other classrooms, the class room where the ceiling plaster came apart, would be completely evacuated for getting repairs done. This room, after repairs, can be converted into a dining Hall or an auditorium", he said.

The BEO has been instructed to convene a School Development Council (SDC) meeting soon to discuss the matter, the MLA added.

BJP leaders Vaneesh, Chetan, Pradeep Kumar and others accompanied the MLA.

Court sentences FDA to four years jail for accepting bribe

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (BLU&KS)- City's Third Additional District and Sessions Special Court has sentenced a First Division Assistant (FDA) at the DDPI Office to four years rigorous imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs. 20,000 under Sections 7, 13 (1) (d), r/w 13 (2) of Prevention of Corruption Act - 1988 after he was found guilty of demanding and accepting bribe.

The FDA, who was convicted is K. Kempegowda. He was caught red handed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths and a case was registered by Lokayukta Dy.SP Umesh G. Shet on June 18, 2018. Inspector H.N. Vinay, who was the Investigating Officer, completed the investigation and Inspector Shekar had submitted the charge sheet to the Court.

Judge Gururaj Somakkalavar, who took up the case on Feb. 27, 2026, found accused Kempegowda guilty and sentenced him to three years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000 for demanding bribe and an additional six months simple imprisonment if he fails to pay the fine. The Judge also sentenced him to four years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000 for accepting the bribe and an additional six months simple imprisonment if he fails to pay the fine.

Kaliyanda Muthamma Poonacha was the Lokayukta Special Public Prosecutor.

Obituary

Mangala

Mysuru, Mar. 2- Mangala (60),

a resident of Devaraja Mohalla, passed away this morning in city. She leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Odiyanda Sumithra

Odiyanda Sumithra (Kodengada), wife of Thammaiah and a resident of No. 940, Kaveri Nilaya, Sathgalli 'B' Zone in Hanchya,

passed away yesterday in city. She was 67. She leaves behind her husband, sons Machaiah and Lithin, daughters-in-law Shrunda and Trupthi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Susheelamma

Susheelamma (84), a resident

of Nivedithanagar, passed away on Saturday in city.

She leaves behind son Lokesh Reddy, a BJP leader and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday.

Manipal Institute of Gastro Sciences launched in city

Dr. A.K. Satheesh Rao, Senior Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology (extreme left) seen addressing the press meet in city recently as Dr. Vasudev Pai Hosdurg, Senior Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology & HPB Surgeon, Dr. Shenoy, Chief of Medical Services and Dr. R. Nischay, Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology, look on.

Manipal Hospital to strengthen advanced digestive and liver care in Mysuru Region

Mysuru, Mar. 2- Digestive and liver disorders are increasingly being seen across Mysuru and neighbouring districts, a quiet but growing health concern that often goes unnoticed until symptoms become difficult to ignore.

Recognising the urgent need for specialised, accessible care, Manipal Hospital Mysore announced the launch of the Manipal Institute of Gastro Sciences (MIGS) at a press conference in city recently. MIGS brings together medical gastroenterology, hepatology, surgical gastroenterology and advanced interventional endoscopy within a single, coordinated clinical framework.

By integrating early diagnosis, advanced diagnostics and complex interventions under one roof, the Institute aims to simplify patient journeys and strengthen Mysuru's role as a regional hub for advanced digestive and liver care.

As part of this expansion, Dr. A.K. Satheesh Rao, Senior Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology, has joined Manipal Hospital Mysore, further strengthening the hospital's expertise in digestive and liver diseases.

He joins an experienced team that includes Dr. Vasudev Pai Hosdurg, Senior Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology & HPB Surgeon and Dr. R. Nischay, Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology.

Together, the integrated team offers specialist-led, coordinated care for a wide range of gastrointestinal and liver conditions, supported by advanced diagnostic and interventional services such as colonoscopy, upper GI endoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and ERCP.

Highlighting the importance of early detection, Dr. Satheesh Rao said, "Digestive and liver disorders often progress silently until they reach an advanced stage. Through the Manipal Institute of Gastro Sciences, our goal is to shift the focus toward early diagnosis and proactive management, supported by advanced diagnostics and endoscopic interventions available locally in Mysuru."

Emphasising the need for integrated care, Dr. Vasudev added, "With extensive experience in managing complex gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary surgeries, I have seen how delayed diagnosis often leads to advanced disease requiring major surgical procedures. Early identification of symptoms and timely specialist evaluation can significantly reduce the need for complex surgeries. Through an integrated institute-led approach, we aim to detect conditions earlier, intervene appropriately, and, wherever possible, prevent disease progression that necessitates surgical treatment."

Speaking on rising lifestyle-related conditions, Dr. Nischay noted, "With digestive disorders linked to modern lifestyles on the rise, structured and specialist-led care pathways are more important than ever. The Institute enables patients to access advanced endoscopy, hepatology and gastroenterology services under one roof, ensuring timely and comprehensive treatment."

The Manipal Institute of Gastro Sciences aims to expand access to specialised gastroenterology services for patients across Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and neighbouring regions where advanced digestive and liver care has traditionally required travel to metro cities.

Sports Meet held for differently abled children

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MTY&KS)- Baandhavya 2026, a Sports Meet for differently abled children, organised by Rotary Mysore Midtown was held at Oval Grounds, opposite to Crawford Hall in city yesterday.

Over 500 differently abled children from 23 special schools in city, along with their teachers and parents, took part and engaged themselves in various sporting activities.

While children below 8 years took part in running race, musical chair and throwing the ball among other sports, children above 8 years took part in various competitions such as running, long jump, shot put and tennis ball throw.

To support and encourage these children, parents, teachers, NCC Cadets, volunteers and members of Rotary Mysore Midtown also took part in the sports which were held in five spots at Oval Grounds.

A few sports were held under the shade of trees and various counters were set up to provide juice, water and snacks to the participants. Prizes were distributed to the winning children on the spot.

Earlier, the sporting events were inaugurated by DGE Rtn. Ravishankar Dakoju, RID 3192, who was the chief guest. The children took out a march past on the occasion.

Bigg Boss Kannada Season 12 winner Gilli Nata (Nataraj) also took part in the event and encouraged the children.

Zone-7 Assistant Governor Rtn. M.S. Naveen Chandra, Rotary Midtown President Rtn. K.L. Rakesh Babu, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik, Event Chairman Rtn. H.S. Veeresh, Event Co-Chairman Rtn. Dr. P. Kumar and others were present.

Wakf Board Advisory Committee distributes Ramzan ration kits

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (KS)- The District Wakf Board Advisory Committee, under the leadership of its Chairman Azeezulla Ajju, to support religious staff across Mysuru District during the Holy Month of Ramzan, has commenced the distribution of free ration kits to Masjid Imams, Mouzans and service persons of Wakf properties recently.

For the first time, the annual income generated from Wakf institutions is being directly utilised to provide essential supplies to those serving in religious capacities.

The event was inaugurated at the District Wakf Board Office on New Sayyaji Rao Road. The ceremony began with Duwa (supplication) by Hazrath Moulana Zakaulla Siddiqui Saheb, Khatheeb of Masjid-e-Firdose in Bannimantap.

The ration kit delivery vehicles were officially flagged off by the District Wakf Officer Mushtaq and Inspector Syed Younus, along with Committee members.

The delegation reached K.R. Nagar Jamia Masjid, where kits were distributed to staff from various village Masjids. The distribution will continue in K.R. Nagar, Periyapatna, T. Narasipur, Bannur, Hunsur, Nanjangud and H.D. Kote.

Several community leaders and officials participated in the distribution ceremonies, including Dr. Mehboob Khan, Congress leader Jabeer, Syed Aslam, A.R.M. Amjad Pasha, various Ulmas and Masjid Management Committee Members.

MUDA 50:50 sites scam

DC responds to letter; assures review, action

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (BLU&DM)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the Chairman of the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), has assured that necessary action will be taken regarding the alleged illegal allotment of sites under the 50:50 ratio scheme by the erstwhile Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

In his reply to a letter written by State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu R. Kautilya, who had sought confiscation of all sites allegedly allotted illegally, the DC said the contents of the letter would be thoroughly examined and appropriate action would be initiated as per rules.

He added that the petitioner would be informed about the action taken and that the MDA Commissioner has also been directed to update him in this regard.

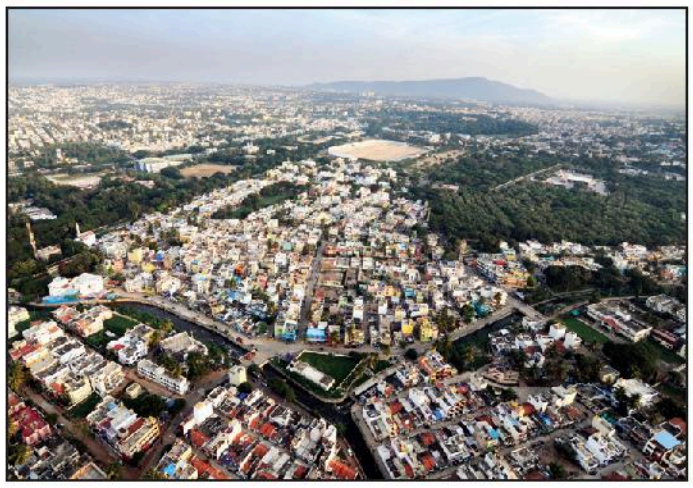
Meanwhile, Raghu Kautilya said, this was the first time they had received an assurance of action on the issue of illegal site allotments. Alleging that the MDA had remained silent ever since the scam surfaced two years ago, he said that the authorities have now responded following his representation.

"The authorities must treat the matter seriously," he said, adding that he would be compelled to file a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in Court if no action is taken as assured by the Deputy Commissioner.

FLEETING THOUGHTS

Mysuru is growing:
Plan it or just let it happen?

By Anirudh Badarinath



For decades, Mysuru was admired as a city where growth felt measured and well thought out. But now, we are now at a point where Mysuru's reality seems to be irreversibly changing and it is certainly a good idea for the city to be sufficiently prepared.

For starters, it is about time that local governments and citizens come to terms with the rise in vehicular population. As per official statistics available from the MoRTH, in 2025 and 2024, there were, on average, 83,700 vehicle registrations per year across both the RTOs in city.

To put that in perspective, that is about 230 new vehicles added every day !

When tens of thousands of new vehicles hit the road each year, not only does congestion surge, but the need for parking, road space and traffic management increases.

The flip-side to this conversation is that public transportation in Mysuru has not kept pace with this private vehicle boom.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, in its service level benchmark for urban transport, recommends that cities plan to equip their public transport options to a desirable level of at least 60 buses per lakh population.

Although Mysuru does not yet have a city-specific entity operating buses, the KSRTC Mysuru City Division reportedly operates nearly 560 buses, translating to just about 40 buses per lakh population. Simply put, there remains much to be done in strengthening the city's bus service.

These numbers also convey an uncomfortable truth: **The share of "quality buses" and efficiency of public transport in terms of keeping time, modes has grown far more slowly than private vehicles.**

Riding a bus often means compromises related to time, comfort and convenience, while private vehicles promise control, even if they come at the cost of gridlock and pollution.

This imbalance is not unique to Mysuru. But what is unique is the city's window of opportunity to shape its future before hitting a point of no return.

At the heart of this opportunity lies a simple question: who shapes the decisions that guide urban growth?

Too often in Indian cities, major decisions about land use, transport infrastructure and development tends to rest within administrative offices with limited opportunities for meaningful public engagement right from the earliest and formative stages of planning.

Urban planners, professionals trained to think about land use, mobility, environment and social equity, are frequently brought in only after key decisions have been made. Their role becomes technical validation rather than strategic guidance.

Citizens, similarly, are invited to react after plans are approved, rather than being involved before priorities are set. This is not how healthy cities grow.

Cities that have managed rapid growth while retaining liveability — from Singapore to Seoul — share one principle: **Planning is central to governance, not an afterthought.**

Data on population, travel patterns and land use are made public, discussed in community forums and used to test alternatives before commitments are made.

Mysuru can embrace this model. Three practical ways citizens can play an active role in shaping decisions are, first, Engage early and constructively.

Citizens' groups, whether neighbourhood associations, student forums or professional networks can prepare constructive inputs ahead of proposals and bring evidence-based alternatives to the table.

Use data and tools that already exist. The VAHAN dashboard and other public transport data platforms provide evidence of vehicle growth, mode shares and trends.

Citizens who understand these trends can push for solutions, not by opposition but by proposing viable improvements in bus networks, cycling infrastructure and walkable neighbourhoods.

When people have access to information early, the questions asked in consultations become rooted in shared facts rather than mistrust.

Growth is not something to be merely opposed. Growth is inevitable. What matters is whether the city directs that growth or merely endures its consequences.

Mysuru's growth story need not be a tale of congestion, conflict and fragmented decisions. We still have the chance to shape growth deliberately rather than inherit it by default.

It is time citizens get involved in local issues from your local drainage to garbage collection to cities infrastructure and green cover proposals.

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Union Minister HDK chairs Tobacco Board meeting

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy chairing the Tobacco Board meeting at CIIL auditorium in city this morning as Minister K. Venkatesh, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, Arakalgud MLA A. Manju and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (BLU&DM)- With Karnataka Tobacco growers demanding a fair price equivalent to that of growers in Andhra Pradesh, Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) chaired a Tobacco Board meeting with public representatives and trade representatives to deliberate on issues related to the ongoing Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco auctions (2025-26) in Karnataka at Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) auditorium in city this morning.

Addressing the meeting, Kumaraswamy said that cigarette manufacturers were complaining about high taxes on tobacco products, which has ultimately hit the tobacco industry, with significant drop in sales of cigarettes and other tobacco products. Stating that tobacco companies should protect the interests of growers under any circumstances, he said the growers of Karnataka should get a fair price for their produce at the ongoing auctions.

After receiving inputs from tobacco growers, buyers and cigarette manufacturers, the Union Minister asked the Tobacco Board officials to hold a meeting with cigarette manufacturers in a couple of days for fixing a fair and final procurement price for tobacco at auction yards.

Tobacco Board Chairman Yeshwanth Kumar Chidipothu, Executive Director B. Vishwasree, Director B.C. Srinivas, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Hassan MP Shreyas M. Patel, Arakalgud MLA A. Manju, Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda & ITC representative Ravi Shetty were present.

Project in KRS backwaters

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The Karnataka Budget 2022-23 had proposed developing two major tourism circuits under the PPP model. They were the Hampi-Badami-Aihole-Pattadakal-Vijayapura circuit in North Karnataka and the Mysuru-Srirangapatna-Hassan-Belur-Halebeedu circuit in South Karnataka.

Officials said, the development of South Circuit is aligned with the support extended under Karnataka Tourism Policy 2020-26.

2022-2023 Budget proposal

In the 2022-23 Budget, Rs. 58 crore was earmarked for the South Circuit. A total of 19 projects were planned, including four adventure activities, three hospitality projects, two wellness initiatives, two caravans, four cultural projects and four wayside amenities.

Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited (KTIL) is implementing the South Circuit project under the DBFOT (Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer) model. Officials said tenders have been floated and 19.03 acres have been allotted at Cholanahalli, with the development zones already demarcated.

According to officials, the site enjoys convenient road connectivity and its proximity to the KRS backwaters makes it ideal for both water-based and land-based adventure activities.

Project attractions

The project will feature an entrance block and plaza to serve as a gateway, a dedicated parking area, a land-based adventure zone, a children's park, food courts and landscaped open plazas for recreation and social interaction. Essential amenities will be integrated across the site, along with unique attractions such as a houseboat facility and a boardwalk. An activity-based zone is also planned to cater to visitors of all age groups.

Officials said, the Cholanahalli component alone will cost approximately Rs. 58.62 crore. "The project is being implemented on a DBFOT basis, and the selected firm will sign a 30-year agreement with KTIL," they said.

First *Akka* Cafe opens in city

The interiors of the Akka Cafe that was inaugurated near ZP Office in city this morning. Picture right shows Chefs at Akka Cafe displaying breakfast items to District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa this morning as MLA Tanveer Sait, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and other officials look on.

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Depending on public response and demand, more outlets are likely to be opened in the coming days. The menu is tailored to local preferences without compromising on quality and taste. The breakfast menu will include idli, vada, khara bath, kesari bath and pongal, while lunch will feature mini meals served either with chapathi or ragi ball.

Meanwhile, proposals have been cleared to establish a premium-category restaurant at Halagere village under Beejaganahalli Gram Panchayat on the Mysuru-Madikeri National Highway, near the KSRTC Bus Stand at Kampalapura and a Mini Akka Cafe (Classic) near Sri Shanthaveeramma Temple in Bettadapura.

Plans are also underway to set up premium Akka Cafe restaurants in T. Narasipur, Bannur, H.D. Kote and Nanjangud towns in the district.

Places with maximum footfall

The cafes are being located at busy public places that witness significant footfall, particularly from workers and commuters. The primary objective of the project is to empower women by providing them with livelihood opportunities, while also offering hygienic and affordable food to the public.

The project will be implemented through a joint agreement between the authority providing the site and a selected women's Self Help Group (SHG), which will operate the cafe. The Government will provide basic infrastructure support. A financial grant of Rs. 15 lakh will be extended for each Akka Cafe Premium Restaurant, while Rs. 7 lakh will be provided for each Mini Akka Cafe (Classic).

Interior works

The grant will cover expenses related to interiors, flooring, walls and ceiling work, storage cabinets, drinking water facilities, CCTV cameras, billing machines, furniture and branding. The SHG will be responsible for purchasing utensils, ovens, LPG cylinders, stoves, mixer-grinders and refrigerators.

Only SHGs registered under the Rural Livelihood Mission or Urban Livelihood Mission are eligible to run the cafes. Preference will be given to groups with prior cooking experience and investment capacity.

The SHG must not have any loan arrears and should consist of at least five to ten members. Women working at the cafes, including those involved in cooking, serving and cleaning, must wear uniforms bearing the respective SHG's label.

Akka Cafe will open its doors at three locations within the next 15 days. One of the outlets has been set up on the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) premises, at a spot that was earlier used for vehicle parking. A separate area has now been earmarked for parking.

There is a clear distinction between Akka Cafe and Indira Canteen. Gradually, more such cafes will be established at busy locations where the public and workers gather in large numbers.

—S. Ukesh Kumar
ZP Chief Executive Officer

To stop property registration fraud

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The registration process will also be linked to e-Swathu and e-Khata databases through GIS, creating a more robust and interconnected verification mechanism. As GIS technology becomes embedded within Kaveri 2.0, the scope for manipulation through false declarations is expected to shrink considerably.

Officials said most technical glitches in the GIS platform have been resolved, and the State Government is likely to formally roll out the upgraded system in the coming days.

With the integration of GIS technology, attempts to cheat the Government during property registration by furnishing false information or underpaying stamp duty will no longer be feasible.

Automatic calculation of stamp duty

Once property details are entered into the system, stamp duty will be calculated automatically and with precision. At the time of registration, as soon as the survey number or PID is entered, the system will instantly determine the exact stamp duty payable.

Registration will be completed only after the required documents are scanned and verified, ensuring a thorough validation process.

This mechanism is expected to effectively plug loopholes that earlier enabled evasion of stamp duty through false declarations.

Officials added that the system also provides for rectification of errors in property records in case of inadvertent mistakes by officials, allowing necessary corrections to be made within the framework of the new technology.

Encroachment, boundary disputes to be eliminated

Encroachment and boundary disputes have long been among the most persistent problems in property ownership. Such conflicts often escalate into prolonged legal battles, with cases dragging on in Courts for years.

The introduction of GIS technology is expected to eliminate such disputes. By providing precise details of a property's geographical location, measurements, road connectivity and other attributes, GIS will leave little room for manipulation in registration documents.

If incorrect information is entered, the system will immediately flag discrepancies, as the submitted details will not match the property's mapped data.

'Technology currently under review'

The GIS framework for property registration has been developed and submitted to the Government, and it is currently under review by officials from the Department of Information Technology. An advanced system of this scale cannot be rolled out overnight.

The formula is now undergoing internal testing, during which feedback, suggestions and directions are generated to address any shortcomings. After necessary corrections are made, the revised version is resubmitted for further scrutiny. This process of refinement has been continuing for the past several days. Once all issues are resolved and the system is found to be fully reliable, the Government will formally launch it. GIS-enabled property registration will commence thereafter.

—Vijayalakshmi Enamdar, District Registrar, Mysuru

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public that our client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner Chandru S/o Chikkanna, R/at #183/3 Hundi Beedi, Hinkal, Mysore 570017.

All person/s having any claim against or in respect of schedule property mentioned hereunder are any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), Trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned hereunder within 07 days from the date hereon, failing which the claim/s, if any, of such person's will be considered to have been waived and or abandoned and our client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing RESIDENTIAL HOUSE No.62, carved out of Sy.no.261/1 (old Sy.no.261) totally measuring 6 Acres 20 Guntas, out of which 5 Acres 21 Guntas has been developed into residential layout by taking all the necessary sanctions from the local authorities and having Unique No. 152200403127022630 with property no.2210/62 measuring East to west-06.00Meters, North to South=09.00 Meters, totally measuring 54 Sq. Meters of land area, inclusive of 36.70 Sq. Meters of newly constructed house, situated at Yelawala Village, Yelawala Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on; East By : Property No.63, West By : Property No.61, North By: Property No.31, South By : Road

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Vintage Vignettes

... from a Princely State

Figure 1 : Group photo of 10-02-1945

By R.G. Singh, Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana

This official group photograph of the smartly dressed Ursu noblemen in traditional court attire was taken in the forecourt of the Mysore Palace to celebrate the conferral of the GCSI honours on the then Maharaja of Mysore, H.H. Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Bahadur, who is seen seated at the centre of the picture.

The GCSI (Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India) was a senior order of chivalry which was bestowed on individuals for distinguished service in India. The motto of the order read "Heaven's Light our Guide."

It was awarded at the monarch's pleasure, founded by Empress Victoria. This order was created by the crown four years after the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 to honour Indian princes and chiefs as well as British officers and administrators. It was used as a tool for the consolidation of colonial power as the governing authority of India.

[Size: 29 x 12 cms; Collection: Ramsons Kala Pratishtana]

Vestments and accoutrements

Members of the Order wore elaborate costumes on important ceremonial occasions:

The mantle, worn only by the Knights Grand Commander, was made of light blue satin lined with white silk. On the left side was a representation of the star.

The collar, also worn only by the Knights Grand Commander, was made of gold. It was composed of alternating figures of lotuses, red and white roses and palm branches, with an imperial crown in the centre.

Figure 2:
Star & collar of a GCSI

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SDMIMD launches Vision Mysuru-2050

Three-day summit to commence from Mar. 14; Registration open till Mar. 10

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (KS)- SDM Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD) has launched a citizen-driven initiative titled 'Vision Mysuru-2050' with the theme 'Ink Your Ideas.' Vision Mysuru-2050 initiative is the strategic brainchild of Dr. (Lt. Col.) S.N. Prasad, Director of SDMIMD. This intensive three-day summit will be held from Mar. 14 to 16, in collaboration with Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mysuru and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Mysuru Chapter.

Vision Mysuru-2050 is actively soliciting comprehensive proposals across critical thematic areas such as Urban Infrastructure & Mobility; Environmental Sustainability; Economic Development; Digital Governance & Smart City Initiatives; Education & Healthcare; Heritage Conservation; Social Equity & Inclusion and Disaster Resilience, Tourism & Culture. Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari and SDM Educational Trust Chairman Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade is the Brand Ambassador. He emphasised that orchestrating the city's growth trajectory over the next two decades necessitates profound foresight, civic responsibility and broad-based collective participation.

General public, students, corporate and industry professionals, as well as NGOs and civic associations can participate. Interested individuals and teams can register and submit their proposals before Mar. 10 by logging on to ***https://www.visionmysuru2050.in/submit***

For details, log on to ***https://www.visionmysuru2050.in/*** or call Ph: 0821-2429722 or 2420490.

Houses allotted through lottery at Ekalavyanagar

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MK&DM)- Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda distributed 22 houses constructed under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission - Basic Services to the Urban Poor (JnNURM-BSUP) scheme to beneficiaries at Ekalavyanagar through a draw of lots.

The programme was held at the Karnataka Slum Development Board (KSDB) Office in Medar Block near Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Harishgowda said the houses were built in a G+3 model under the JnNURM-BSUP scheme at Ekalavyanagar. He stated that 22 beneficiaries were selected as per norms and allotted houses through a lottery system. Officials have been directed to allot the remaining houses in the coming days, he added.

"The beneficiaries must pay the stipulated amount and obtain all relevant house documents. They must reside in the allotted houses. Renting or leasing them out to others is not permitted," he said.

Devaraja Block Congress President D. Nagabushan, Indira Gandhi Block Congress President Ravi Manchegowdanakoppal, Slum Board Executive Engineer Mohammad Zafrulla, Assistant Executive Engineer G.S. Ramachandra, Assistant Engineer J. Jhansi Roy and others were present.

Haphazard parking by students irks residents

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (VVH&KS)- Haphazard parking of bikes, scooters and cars by students, that too right in front of a 'No Parking' board, is causing severe inconvenience to the public on Kannada Sahitya Parishat Road in Vijayanagar 1st stage.

Residents and regular commuters say smooth traffic movement is being disrupted due to indiscriminate parking by students of the nearby engineering college. While two-wheelers are parked along one side of the road, cars line up on the other, leading to traffic chaos throughout the day, they alleged.

Residents pointed out that despite the college management providing ample parking space within the campus, students continue to park their vehicles along the roadside. They criticised the management for remaining silent on the issue instead of directing students to use the designated parking area inside the premises.

Bikes and scooters parked in front of 'No Parking' board.

'No Parking' board ignored

To prevent traffic congestion and accidents, a 'No Parking' board has been installed along the stretch. However, students continue to park their vehicles right in front of the signboard before heading to classes, resulting in daily traffic snarls, locals complained.

Expressing their displeasure with the Traffic Police, residents said that while fines are promptly imposed on vehicles parked in 'No Parking' zones in the heart of the city, no action has been taken here despite frequent violations.

The public has urged the Traffic Police to first create awareness among students about the problems caused by roadside parking and initiate legal action against the violators.

Sedative sales: Addl. SP warns medical stores

'Prescription-less over-the-counter sleeping pills, sedatives sales to invite punitive action'

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MK&KS) - Strict action will be taken against medical stores found dispensing sleeping tablets and other sedative medicines without a valid doctor's prescription, warned Additional Superintendent of Police C. Mallik.

Addressing the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) Committee meeting at the Office of the Superintendent of Police recently, the Additional SP said, "The drug production and demand network must be disrupted through continuous awareness programmes on the ill-effects of narcotics."

He stressed the need to identify drug addicts and provide counselling through rehabilitation centres to help them return to the mainstream society. To curb the sale and consumption of drugs, the Police Department has been conducting regular raids and has called upon the public and other departments to cooperate in eliminating the menace.

Addl.SP Mallik said it had come to the notice of the Police that sleeping tablets were being purchased from medical stores without prescriptions and misused as narcotic substances.

He warned that strict action would be taken against medical stores violating norms by selling such medicines. He also directed hostel wardens to closely monitor inmates and inspect items brought from outside.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj said that the 'Vimukthi' campaign is being conducted across the city and assured that the identity of those who provide information about drug sales would be kept confidential. Officials from various departments were present at the meeting.

Health staff to boycott OPD services from Mar. 11

Bengaluru, Mar. 2 (KMS&DM)- Seeking the fulfilment of various demands, officials and staff of the Health and Medical Education Departments have decided to boycott OPD services at all Government Hospitals across the State from Mar. 11.

The strike has been jointly called by the Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association, the Health and Medical Education Department Employees' Central Association and other cadre associations. The Karnataka Government Employees Association has also extended its support.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru recently, Association President Dr. Ravindranath M. Meti said OPD services at all District Hospitals, Taluk Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and dispensaries will remain suspended from Mar. 11 to 15 if the Government fails to meet their demands.

"Only emergency services will be available during this period, with doctors and staff wearing black badges as a mark of protest.

In the second phase, we will go on mass leave from Mar. 16 until our demands are met," he said, adding that the strike will not be called off even if the Government invokes ESMA.

Ex-MLC appeals CM to save 'declining' UoM

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (GA&VNS)- Former MLC Marithibbegowda has urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to take immediate steps to revive the University of Mysore (UoM), which he said is on the verge of decline.

Marithibbegowda

Addressing mediapersons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here recently, he said the University, which celebrated its centenary in 2015-16, has been facing severe financial strain and is being deprived of basic facilities.

"The University of Mysore, based on letters written by a few Principals of University Colleges, has withdrawn the autonomous status of certain colleges with effect from the current academic year. This decision was taken without any discussion at the Syndicate meeting held on Feb. 16. It is a grave injustice that will adversely affect students," he alleged.

He further pointed out that admissions at Yuvaraja's College have declined considerably, leading to the closure of nine postgraduate (PG) courses. About 2,000 students are still studying at the college. Action must be taken against those opposing the autonomous status of the college and steps should be initiated to restore it in the interest of the institution and its students, he said.

Recalling his earlier stand, Marithibbegowda said they had opposed the move to establish Universities in every district. "Though some had criticised our opposition then, today we are witnessing a shortage of students for 12 PG courses at the Visvesvaraya Post Graduate Centre under Mandya University, resulting in the closure of 10 departments. The 11 professors on deputation from the University of Mysore have not had even an hour's workload for the past two years," he said.

"Several letters have been written to the Department of Higher Education seeking to relieve them from the PG Centre and repost them to the University of Mysore, but there has been no response," he added.

Alleging irregularities in the appointment of the Acting Vice-Chancellor to Mandya University, he claimed that seniority was overlooked and provisions of the Universities Act were violated.

He also said that retired employees of the University of Mysore are not receiving their pensions on time and sought the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's intervention to resolve the issues at the earliest.

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TOMORROW'S MATCH [MAR. 3]

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Venue: Eden Gardens, Kolkata
Time: 7 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS [MAR. 1]

Zimbabwe 153/7 (20 overs)
LOST TO
South Africa 154/5 (17.5 overs)

West Indies 195/4 (20 overs)
LOST TO
India 199/5 (19.2 overs)

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WORD OF THE DAY

Nettle

Pronunciation: NET-ul (verb)
Meaning: To nettle someone is to make them angry or annoyed.
Origin: If you've ever brushed against nettles, you know those plants have sharp bristles that can leave you smarting and itching. The painful and irritating rash that nettles cause can last for days, but at least it is a rash with a linguistic silver lining. The discomfort caused by nettles can serve to remind one that the verb nettle is a synonym of irritate. Nettle originated as a plant name that we can trace to the Old English word netel. Eventually, people likened the persistent stinging itch caused by the plant to the nagging aggravation of being annoyed, and nettle joined the likes of vex, peeve, and irk in describing such little miseries.
Example: "I can't help but be reminded of an idiom that irked me no end during times of familial stress...: 'Use it or lose it.' The message being that if a skill or resource is not regularly utilised, over time, we will lose it. As nettled as I was by it, I now feel obliged to acknowledge obvious truth behind catchphrase." —Gwen Loughman, The Journal (Ireland), 21 Aug. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Satanophobia

Fear of the devil.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Off the Hook

Meaning: When you are freed from an obligation, you're said to be 'Off the hook.'
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'Off the hook' can be found in fishing; a fish on the hook has been caught and is considered to be out of options; it's trapped unless it is released. Just like a fish off the hook, someone who's "off the hook" has been released from obligations or commitments.
Example: "You're lucky; it turns out that Dad never heard you come in late last night." Answer: "Great, that means I'm off the hook!"

QUOTE BOX

I believe that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another.

—Thomas Jefferson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Summary.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	7	3	8	5	9	6	2
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3	1	6	7	4	9	2	5	8
8	7	9	5	6	2	3	1	4
9	2	1	6	3	4	8	7	5
7	3	5	1	9	8	4	2	6
4	6	8	2	5	7	1	3	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1. London TV source
4 Hard drive technology in short
8 ___ into: Encounter
12 Love story (1953) of Raj Kapoor and Nergis?
13 Actor Richard
14 Poetic Pound
15 Symbol of Ireland
17 Take chances
18 Tie with a belt or a cord
19 Ye ___ Shoppe
21 Vim or vigour
23 French tower
27 "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" co-star (2,5)
31 Fur scarf
32 A precious or semiprecious stone
33 Form into a spiral
35 Pretoria locale
36 Old Greek coins
38 Jeered or mocked
40 Seashore
42 Multi-venue benefit concert Live ___
43 Shed tears
45 Restrained or secured
49 Crooked
52 Strange
54 A heavy and ponderous book
55 Kept on the ___: kept continually busy?
56 A watering place
57 Sixty minutes
58 Cupbearer to the Olympians
59 Another name for a young sheep

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

T	E	E	S	■	E	A	S	T	■	F	L	U
A	T	N	O	■	C	L	A	W	■	A	O	A
K	N	O	W	L	E	D	G	E	A	B	L	E
A	A	L	I	I	■	A	E	E	C	■	■	■
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O	A	R	■	A	S	W	I	M	■	F	O	R
F	L	O	W	■	H	O	L	E	O	U	T	■
T	A	C	I	T	■	■	O	H	S	■	■	■
■	■	■	T	O	O	T	■	T	I	L	A	K
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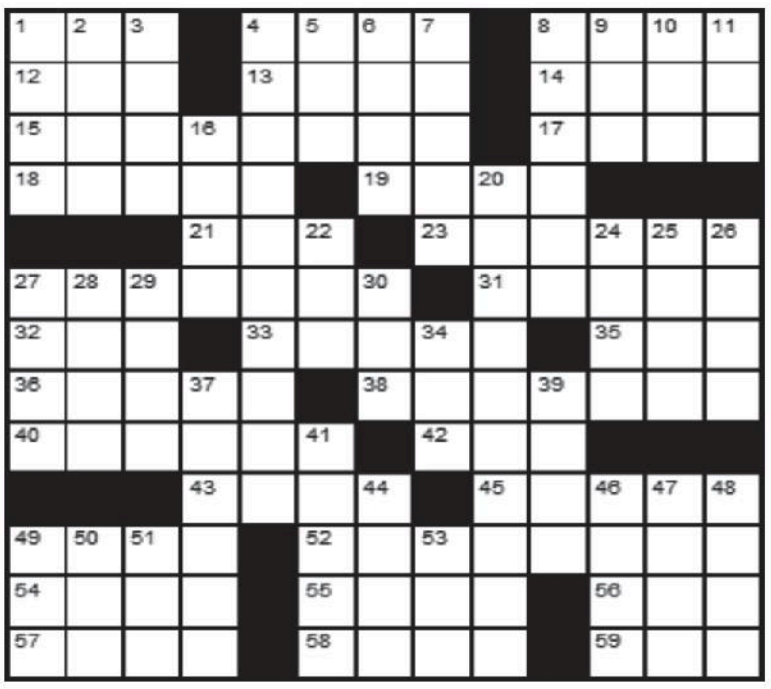
P	M	S	■	T	E	L	A	■	I	N	R	E
T	A	O	■	H	O	E	D	■	S	K	E	W

DOWN

1 A type of fish or quality of sound?
2 Currency unit of Thailand
3 Burn the maid in the house!
4 Long and winding - like a snake, for example
5 Time past, as in "Long long ____"?
6 Mexican pancake
7 Foot joint
8 Deprived, perhaps of reason
9 Israeli submachine gun
10 Married woman sometimes
11 In short, our neighbouring country
16 Cartographer's outputs?
20 Deal out
22 Church seat
24 Fiesta manufacturers
25 Otherwise
26 ____ off : begin or commence?
27 Selves - "goes" anagram?
28 Amount owing
29 Love, to Livy
30 To free from
34 Briny
37 Attorney
39 One much worshipped
41 Profundity
44 Pop in Paris
46 Hebridean isle - "suit" anagram ?
47 The back of your neck
48 Move slowly
49 Greek capital to Air India
50 Pay court to
51 Radio Mgmnt. Unit
53 Adult male swan



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CYCNRITHJA WSKCP HB O

KOJ FHXX SJXR FOHI.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS G

Friday's Cryptoquip: You can't turn back the clock, but you can wind it up again.

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	(S-2)	10.30 am
Theri (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Screem 7 (E)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Vishnu Vinyasam (Te)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Kanna Muche (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Veera Kambala (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
The Rise of Ashoka (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Son of (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Masthishka Maranam (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	(S-4)	4 pm, 9.45 pm

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The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.30 pm
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Sarala Subbarao (K)	:	1.30 pm
Kanna Muchhe (K)	:	4.45 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	7.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Scream 7 (E)	:	11.20 am
		5.25 pm
		10.30 pm
Theri (Ta)	:	12 noon
Alpha Men Love Vengeance (K)	:	12.20 pm
Super Hit (K)	:	1.25 pm
		7.25 pm
The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	3.05 pm
		9 pm
Veera Kambala (K)	:	3.15 pm
Arco (French)	:	3.20 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	4.15 pm
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (E)	:	5 pm
O' Romeo (H)	:	6.25 pm
Masthishka Maranam (Ma)	:	6.55 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	8 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	10 pm
Tere Naam (H)	:	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	12 noon, 6.10 pm
Scream 7 (E)	:	1.05 pm, 6.40 pm
Veera Kambala (K)	:	3 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Super Hit (K)	:	5 pm, 9 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	7.50 pm
Vishnu Vinyasam (Te)	:	9.15 pm

Monthly Moonlight Music at Suttur Mutt tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (DM)- As part of monthly 'Beladingala Sangeetha-289' (Moonlight Music) Series of Suttur Mutt, Mysuru, renowned vocalist Vidwan Karthik Mathur will present a vocal music concert at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city at 6 pm tomorrow (Mar. 3).

He will be accompanied by **Vid. Aniruddha Bharadwaj** on violin, **Vid. Phanindra Bhaskar** on mridanga and **Vid. Sharath Kaushik** on ghata.

Karthik Mathur

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 2)

- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Special Discourse on 'Rukmiksha Vijaya' by Vid. Kheda Vedavyasachar, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** Monthly series, lecture programme on 'Dental Problems' by Dr. Lokesh exclusively for senior citizens, Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju presides, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Council premises, **5 pm.** [Mob: 99804-12406]
- **Parampare and Sudharma - Sanskrit Daily Newspaper:** Lectures on 'Paduka Sahasram of Sri Vedanta Desika (1269- 1369)' by eminent Sanskrit Scholar Vid. Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, BSS Vidyodaya auditorium, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 99860-37311 or 99800-27696]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 3)

- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Anveshana Seva Trust:** Dr. M. Akbar Ali Memorial Programme, Kannada Sahitya Academy President L.N. Mukundaraj inaugurates, former Minister M. Shivanna offers floral tributes to Dr. M. Akbar Ali's portrait, Mines & Geology Department Retd. Joint Director Srinivas Bahadur presides, Chutuku Yugacharya Dr. MGR Urs delivers a special lecture on 'Dr. M. Akbar Ali's contribution to Chutuku Literature,' former Chairperson of Kanteerava Studio Vijayalakshmi Urs releases the 13th year souvenir, Sandhya Suraksha Trust President Dr. B.R. Nataraj Jois, HMT Lingaraje Urs and Anveshana Trust Founder-President Arya Amarnath Raje Urs chief guests, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.45 am.**
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- **Basava Marga Foundation:** Full Moon Day, special pujas & mass feeding (Anna Dasoha), Foundation's Rehabilitation and De-addiction Centre, KIADB Housing Society, Hebbal Ring Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 88033-44999]
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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

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		7.10 pm
The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	1.30 pm
		4.20 pm
		9.30 pm
Scream 7 (E)	:	3.50 pm
		10 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	4.05 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	7.05 pm
Athadu (Te)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kanna Muchhe (K)	:	12.45 pm
The Rise of Ashoka (K)	:	1 pm
		7.10 pm
Veera Kambala (K)	:	1.20 pm
Scream 7 (E)	:	3.50 pm
		9.30 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	4.30 pm
Masthishka Maranam (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Super Hit (K)	:	6.25 pm
Fourth Floor (Ta)	:	10 pm

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PROFILES

Vid. Karthik Mathur is a noted Karnatak Music Scholar of the State. Having learnt early music lessons from his father Vid. M.S. Ananthanarayana, he is currently tutored by Vid. S. Shankar of Bengaluru and Vidu. R.N. Srilatha. A teaching faculty of Dayananda Sagar Engineering College at Bengaluru, he is also a Founder-Member of Bengaluru's Arunodaya School of Music, which has trained hundreds of students in music.

Vid. Aniruddha Bharadwaj, who took to violin at a ripe age of just 6 years, is currently being tutored by Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath. A 'B High' Grade artiste of Akashvani, he has bagged several awards including 'Kalavanta' award given by Karnataka Fine Arts Council.

Vid. Phanindra Bhaskar is an 'A' Grade artiste of Doordarshan and has taken part in many musical concerts. Among the many awards and prizes he has won, include 'Ananya Yuva Pratibhe' award jointly given by Bengaluru's Malleswaram Sangeetha Sabha and Ananya Samsthe, 'Best Mridangist' award, 'Ananya Nadajyothi Kala Puraskara' and 'PAC-CMANA Award' given by Percussive Arts Centre.

Vid. Sharath Kaushik is a budding ghata and mridanga player of Karnataka. Currently he is getting trained in mridanga under the tutelage of Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar. He is an Akashvani 'B-High' Grade artiste. He currently works as a manager at a software company in Bengaluru.

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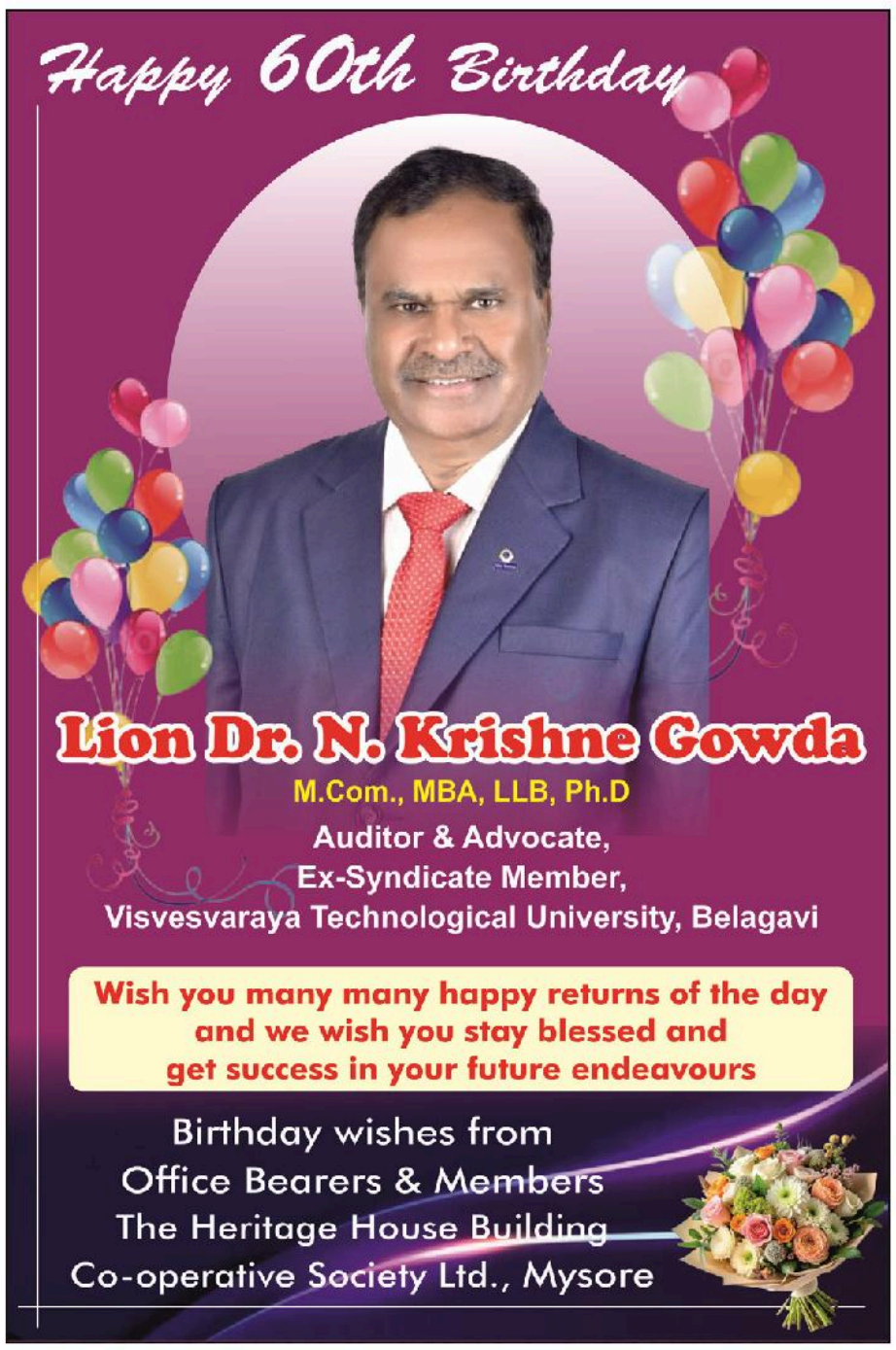
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The publication of Advertisement on 01.03.2026 with regard to **"Walk in interview for contractual teachers 2026-27"** in respect of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Mysuru, Siddhartha Nagar, Mysuru-570011 is inadvertently published with the letter head pertaining to Kendriya Vidyalaya BRBNMPL, Mysuru, Note Mudran Nagar, BRBNMPL Campus, Mysuru — 570003.

"Walk in interview for contractual teachers 2026-27" on 10.03.2026 will be held at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Mysuru, Siddhartha Nagar, Mysuru — 570011.

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